

November 28, 2011

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board at 7:00 pm on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn and Higgins attending. Board member Curtis was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloit; Chief Dixon; John Taylor – Ex. Dir. PCEDP; Nancy Sexton; Gary and Sue Shelton; Cecil Waters; Ed Adams; Geneva and Tony James; Eddie and Darlene McConnell; and Rhyse Mathew – Posey County News.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Fuelling moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Hoehn.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Higgins moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

*****CLAIMS*****

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent, as Chairman Curtis is not present.

Supt. Gray stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied not at this time.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Askren moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Higgins.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
Clerk-Treasurer

The Common Council met immediately following the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Tucker presiding and members Askren, Fuelling, Hoehn and Higgins attending. Councilman Curtis was not present. Others attending were Attorney Higgins; Supt. Gray; Chief Beloat; Chief Dixon; John Taylor – Ex. Dir. PCEDP; Nancy Sexton; Gary and Sue Shelton; Cecil Waters; Ed Adams; Geneva and Tony James; Eddie and Darlene McConnell; Rhyse Mathew – Posey County News; and arriving during the meeting, Supt. Givens.

Mayor Tucker called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. He added if not, he entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Councilwoman Higgins moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street & Light Chairman Fuelling stated he has no report, other than wondering when the last day of leaf collection will be. He added he will check with Comm. Maynard.

Comm. Maynard was not present.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Police & Dog Chairwoman Askren stated she has no report.

Chief Beloat stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Hoehn stated he has no report.

Chief Dixon stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairwoman Higgins stated she has no report.

Supt. Givens arrived at the meeting, and stated he has no report.

Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Tucker asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman replied she heard back from the County Auditor, and they could possibly have their advance by the end of the week.
Mayor Tucker asked if there were any questions ?
There were none.

Mayor Tucker stated they are now ready for the Legal portion of the Agenda.
Attorney Higgins stated the first item is the 2nd reading of the Ordinance Establishing Salaries and Wages for the Elected Officers of the City of Mount Vernon for the Year Ending December 31, 2012. She added ordinance passed the first reading at the last meeting.
Councilman Hoehn moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilwoman Higgins.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.
Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – absent; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker state the motion carried.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item is the 2nd reading of the proposed Ordinance to Rezone 901 Wolflin Street from CG to RM. She reminded Council that this is a downgrade in zoning and that Mrs. Bourne from Area Plan was at the last meeting, along with the petitioners, who are also present tonight. She then stated she has heard no comment and there have been no remonstrators.
Councilwoman Higgins moved the ordinance pass on second reading. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.
Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – absent; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker state the motion carried.
Councilman Fuelling moved the rules be suspended. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.
Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – absent; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker state the motion carried.
Councilman Fuelling moved the ordinance pass on final reading. Seconded by Councilman Hoehn.
Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?
There was none.
Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.
Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:
Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;
Curtis – absent; Higgins – yes.
Mayor Tucker state the motion carried.
Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 11-16.

Attorney Higgins stated the next item was prepared by Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman and was prefaced in her report earlier – it is a Resolution of Temporary Loan to the General and Park & Recreation Funds, from the Rainy Day Fund, in the amount of \$175,000.00. She added the loan is to be paid back either upon receipt of the tax money, or June 30, 2012, whichever is first.

Councilman Hoehn moved Resolution be approved. Seconded by Councilman Fuelling.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with Council voting as follows:

Askren – yes; Fuelling – yes; Hoehn – yes;

Curtis – absent; Higgins – yes.

Mayor Tucker state the motion carried.

Clerk-Treasurer Sitzman added it will be numbered 11-17.

Mayor Tucker asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Council ?

There was no response.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Tucker asked if there was any New Business ?

Councilman Fuelling read the following:

The list of things to do at the riverfront is down to the lighting thanks to Sabic and their representative Sheila Naab. A donation allowed for beautiful landscaping around the berms containing the redbud trees and for 11 new trees. The landscaping job which included a rock border, boulders, plants, and mulch was given to Schroeder Landscape and the planting of the trees was done by Sabic volunteers along with the help of Sheila and Justin Naab and their two children. Also a special thanks to Tom Guggenheim who organized the workers and saved the city money by hauling the trees to Mt. Vernon from Long Valley Nursery on his own time and gas. Sabic paid most of the project leaving the city with a very small balance. More thanks goes to Judy Heberer, Cindy Naab, and my wife Mary Ann for spreading wood chips, mulching, preparing the soil, and planting many, many flowers. Mac McFadden is doing a great job with the irrigation, weed control, and fertilizing on the terraces as a volunteer worker. The Street Department has come to our rescue whenever we needed help. The Water Department helped us unload the trees delivered to the riverfront by Tom. Mike Smith and Terry Gottman have spent many hours planning and acquiring all the equipment necessary for the electric and lighting. The plan is to use volunteers from Sabic, WSI, and Vectren to install the street lights. Terry Gottman have us his expertise in designing layout for the lighting. We hired him for the railing and signage which tells the history of Mt. Vernon.

Sabic workers: Yuzhn Yang

Shuallei Ma

Sheila, Justin, Keira and Kaden Naab

Tom and John Guggenheim

Ricky Umba

Bing Zhou

Elliot Hoff

Jerry Stevens

Nick Tavernaro

Rick Korte

Adlai Ding

Norimitsu Yamaguchi
Bill Rountree

Councilman Fuelling then stated Sabic also made a very generous donation to match the grading, and hopefully he has not left anyone out.

Councilwoman Higgins stated December 3 in Christmas on Main Street, with parade line up at 5:00 pm on E. Water Street. The parade will be at 5:30 pm and ends at Wesley Hall. She added she also would like to thank everyone on her committee, including Marcie Miller, Phyllis Levin, Kim Tanner, and Lonna Berridge. She continued by stating she has also formed the “police and fire committee”, looking into a new police and fire station – including Chief Dixon, Chief Beloit, Councilwoman Askren (soon to be concerned citizen Rita Askren) and Sue Shelton (soon to be Councilwoman Shelton), Ed Adams, and John Gerton. She stated the first meeting will be December 7. Mayor Tucker stated sounds like she is doing a great job and she will also need to get with Deb Bennett Stearsman on the police and fire station committee.

Mayor Tucker stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Fuelling stated he has no report.

3rd District Councilman Hoehn stated he has no report.

4th District Councilman Curtis was not present.

Councilwoman-at-Large Higgins stated she has no report.

Mayor Tucker just wanted to remind everyone of Christmas on Main Street December 3 and stated if there was no further business, he entertains a motion to adjourn.

Councilman Hoehn moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Councilwoman Askren.

Mayor Tucker stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, he reported the motion carried unanimously and adjourned the meeting.

John Tucker
Mayor

ATTEST:

Cristi L. Sitzman
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